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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter from the Permanent Representative of Iraq (S/1994/621 of 26 May 1994) and similar Iraqi letters addressed to you, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention.

The concerned authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran have recently observed illegal movements of some vessels in Arvandrood which were wrongfully and without authorization using the flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Furthermore, vessels have also been heading towards Iraqi ports while declaring Iranian ports as their final destination. Against this background, the Islamic Republic of Iran has resorted to limited measures in Arvandrood in order to curb these a activities which not only violate Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity but also the international sanctions against Iraq. In this context, it is worth mentioning that during recent months, the Iranian authorities have seized a number of non-Iranian ships carrying goods to Iraq through Arvandrood. These ships were either carrying Iranian flag without the consent of Iranian authorities or were declaring Iranian ports as their final destination.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran holds the Iraqi regime responsible for the consequences of its actions which are in violation of international law and regulations as well as the principle of good neighbourliness.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, reaffirming its full compliance with the cease-fire established under Security Council resolution 598 as well as its total commitment to the provisions of the Treaty concerning the State Frontier and Neighbourly Relations of 13 June 1975 and its Protocols, reiterates its desire for improvement of relations with Iraq on the basis of principles of good neighbourliness and international law.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
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